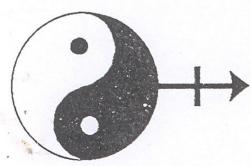


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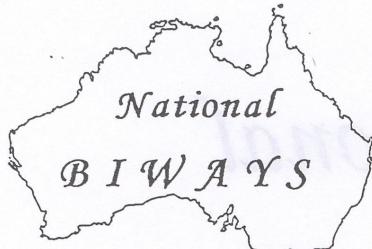
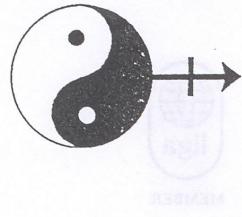
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ABN realises that bisexuality is inextricably linked to other identities (gender, race, class, etc). Our intention is that *National BIWAYS* will represent a broad spectrum of bisexual voices and images. We are committed to taking an active role in building a multicultural bisexual community free of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Through self-examination and through the contents of this news magazine, we will endeavour to challenge our own racism, classism, sexism (and our own biphobia) as well as that of others. We will work to create a supportive bisexual community and to promote equality and understanding for bisexual people in both the heterosexual and the lesbian/gay communities. We regard ourselves as part of a larger sexual minority (queer) community, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities, and consider the fight for lesbian and gay rights to be our own. We advocate the recognition, inclusion and involvement of bisexual people in existing gay and lesbian and transgender communities, in lesbian and gay politics, in community development and consultations, in sexual health and HIV/AIDS issues, policy, research and education. ABN does not support the promotion of pedophilia or organisations that promote it.

We are sex-positive, recognising that we live under increasing sexual oppression. We support sex education for its own sake. We advocate the distribution of information and resources to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, STDs and unwanted pregnancies. We support the rights of people with HIV/AIDS to be free of discrimination, to have access to information, housing and quality medical care and treatments.

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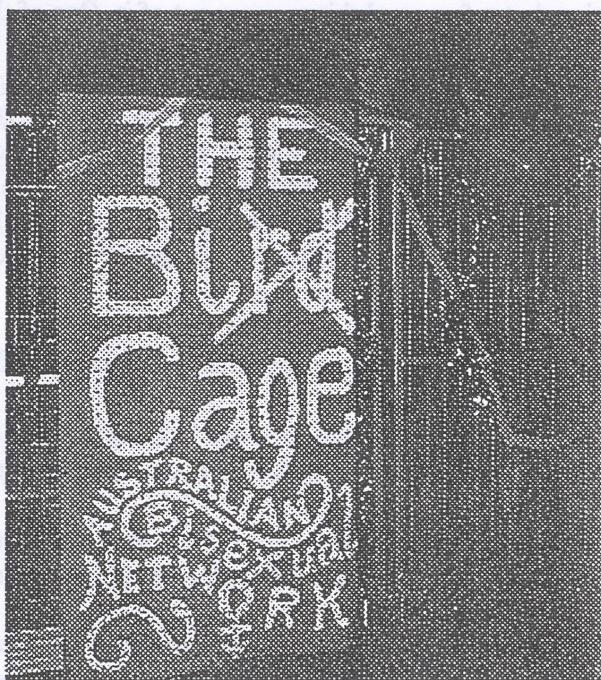
## EDITORIAL

Well, firstly, I would like to thank everyone for being so patient. The past 12 months have been such a busy time with conferences, Bar Bi, social events, community meetings and a heavy e-mail communication load. This has made it difficult to put out National Biways magazine every 2 months. But hey, it is hoped I can get Biways back on schedule for 1998. Please hang in there with us, send us news and stories, things you see in the press, photographs of events and what is happening in your group or area. It makes it easier for us.

As I will be away from the end of March, we need submissions early March for the March/April issue. This issue will look at the Bi Conference so we will welcome your reviews and comments. During my absence at the International Bisexual Conference in Boston and a visit to see my sister in London, we have an acting editor to produce the May/June issue. The theme for this issue will be "Relationships" - with partners, parents, friends. Please make our job easier by sending in material for publication by the end of April.

In this issue we look at the upcoming Australian Conference on Bisexuality, a couple of reports on the British Columbia Bisexual Conference, Tom Robinson, The Good Bi Party, the new Bi movements in India and the Philippines, the 5th International Bi Conference, news from Latin America plus who's out and what's on and a few pics of events.

## The Bi Cage at the Qld. Summer Festival



Chris & Jewel in ABN's Bi / Bird Cage entry in the Gay & Lesbian Summer Festival Parade in Brisbane in November.

The vehicle was provided and driven by Adrian, a work colleague of Wayne. Thanks mate.

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Celebrate at The Good Bi Party on Sunday 22nd from 8pm at The Stonewall Hotel, 175 Oxford Street. Special Guest Performance direct from London by Tom Robinson from his album "Having It Both Ways"

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### *Bisexuality begins to Bloom in Latin America*

*from Alejandra Sarda in Argentina*

Two months ago we had our Regional ILGA Conference, in Peru. It was very hard on the political side, a lot of fighting, but a few good things came out of it. One of them was, that now, we have a Bisexuality Working Group for the Latin American region. I have assumed the role of coordinator but I want to find someone else to help with that as soon as possible -as a way of involving more bisexual people on it. Here in Buenos Aires, there is a transgender person who is one of the ATA (Argentinean Transvestite Association) coordinators and recently she came out as a bisexual. It was great because she had this talk with me where she asked if she could be both, a transvestite and a bisexual, if it wasn't too much for a single person... Surely it is, but what to do? I feel I'm starting to give back to others what Wayne Roberts gave to me when I just came out. This person, Maria Pia, is one of those I will ask to help with the Working Group (she is an ILGA member too).

And then, there are two new groups in Uruguay that specifically include bisexuals:

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I am sending them materials and trying to get them involved in the working group, too, but may be if ABN and other bisexual groups also want to get in touch, it would be very inspiring to them.

Other contacts I made in Peru were with people from Guatemala, who are very open and bi-positive and promised to put me in touch with bi men and women who are working with the Ig/AIDS groups there. Recently I sent information about 5IBC coming up in Boston to about 150 people/organizations/publications in the region, with the hope that some bi people might get a chance to hear about it. I'm not sure if I sent the Spanish version to ABN. Wayne Bryan distributed it in the USA and Canada, but I know many Spanish speaking people live in your area too. (ABN did receive the Spanish version and it was posted out on the Internet.)

### *Bisexuals mobilising in India.*

*By Wayne Roberts*

A bisexual group has formed in Calcutta and there is much interest. It is intended to establish an Indian Bisexual Network with groups across the country. Deep Purkayastha project coordinator, at the New Alipore PRAAJAK Development Society in Calcutta says his organisation has contact with many bisexual and bisexually active males. A social and information network of bisexual people is needed and wanted. PRAAJAK and another organisation in Bombay, Gram Bharati Samit (GBS) have requested financial assistance from ABN so they may each send a representative to the 3rd Australian Conference on Bisexuality in Sydney in February. ABN is approaching HIV/AIDS drug companies to see if they can sponsor representatives from these two organisations and another from Nepal, the Community Promote Program.

Sherry Joseph from Visva Bharati University, West Bengal has submitted a presentation proposal for the 5th International Bisexual Conference in Boston in April, titled, (Bi)Sexualities in India: Perceptions and Reflections. Mr Joseph is seeking sponsorship to attend the conference as funding is not available in his country for such a venture. His research has also had it's funding declined for the coming year. With many males seeking and engaging in male to male sex and at the same time married or living heterosexual lifestyles, one cannot wonder when the Indian Government or other bodies are going to take the rapid spread of HIV infection in India seriously. Unless governments recognise the need to do research on bisexually active men and to work with bisexual people and groups to educate and outreach to others, the increase in HIV infection will continue to rise in much of the developing world. Then there is the invisible Bi women to reach too.

## *Nepal group attacked and mail intercepted*

*from K. P. Sharma in Kathmandu, Nepal*

Several members of the Kathmandu based group, Community Promote Program (formally Nepal Queer Society) were attacked and abused in November. The CPP also found that mail going to their mail box at the post office had been intercepted and destroyed by postal workers. CCP had not received a parcel of information, brochures and Bi magazines sent to them by ABN.

CCP had been waiting on information on the Australian and International Bisexual Conferences which they had hoped to have representatives attend. They now have a new postal address:

C.P.P., Anarmani - VDC, Ward No. 1, Buttabari, Birtamode, JHAPA, Nepal.

They would welcome any information, support or correspondence from individuals and other GLBT groups.

## *First Indian Gay Strategy Confab Held*

*from Rex Wockner via the Internet*

Members of several Indian gay, AIDS and human-rights groups staged the nation's first National Workshop on Strategies to Advance Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Rights in Bombay in late 1997.

They identified their chief project as the repeal of Penal Code Section 377 which bans gay sex. In 1995, the organization AIDS Bhedbhav Virodhi Andolan petitioned the Delhi High Court to repeal 377, and a final hearing is expected within a few months.

The conference also pledged "to document lesbian, gay and bisexual events, activities and histories; to network for solidarity amongst lesbian, gay and bisexual groups, women's groups, human-rights activists, health activists and other progressive groups; to step up support activities for isolated lesbians, gays and bisexuals; and to initiate a public debate that would create awareness and remove biases against lesbians, gays and bisexuals."

## *Queer Chinese to meet in Hong Kong*

*from Rex Wockner via the Internet*

Chinese tongzhi (gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people) will stage their second annual conference Feb. 5-9 in Hong Kong. Delegates are expected from China, Japan, Macao, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and several non-Asian nations.

Topics to be discussed include gender politics, racism, AIDS, tongzhi identity, coming out, and art and culture. There will be cultural performances, video screenings, book and information exhibits, hiking and a harbor cruise.

The location will be a beach on Lantau Island, about one hour by ferry from downtown Hong Kong. For more information, e-mail: [worldson@hkstar.com](mailto:worldson@hkstar.com) or phone or fax +852-8102-0169.



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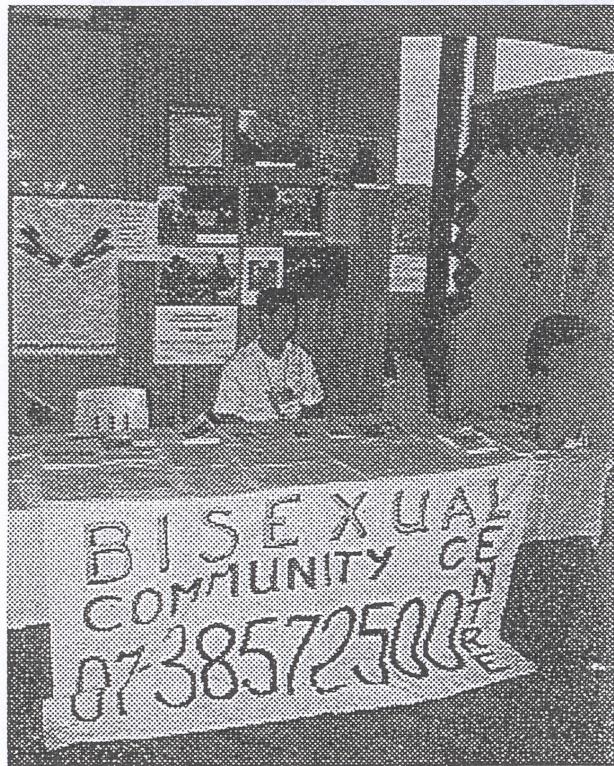
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In November 1997, following my return from the AIDS Conference in Manila, I set up a e-mail network for bisexual people in the Philippines that wished to receive information, news and develop support and friendships. Since then the list has developed to about 35 people from Manila, Quezon, Cebu, Daveo and other centres throughout the islands.

It is hoped that a social support network of groups will develop with meetings and socials being organised for Bi men and women. However for the moment, people can post to ABN and we forward out messages to all on the list. There are several active people on the list and plenty of sleepers but in time as people feel more comfortable, it is hoped, they will also participate and help in organising groups.

Left: Anton Marques helps out at ABN's Bi Info Table at the 4th International Congress on AIDS in Asia & the Pacific at the Philippines Convention Centre in Manila. Bi info was very popular and we ran out of brochures, etc on the first day and had to photocopy more off to satisfy the demand.

#### *Kinsey's bisexuality trivialised in new book about him.*

Book reviews of *Alfred C. Kinsey: a public/private life*, by James H. Jones (Norton: 1997. Pp. 937 \$39.95, £28) appeared recently in *Science* (19 December issue) and *Nature* (27 November issue).

Kinsey's work has been very important for bisexuals. His two major publications, *Sexual behaviour in the human male* (1948) and the companion volume about women (1953) contributed a lot to the acceptance of non-traditional sexual behaviour. By the time of his death his Institute archived 18000 records of interviews on which he and his co-workers concluded that - more than one-third of American men had had a homosexual experience during their adult lives. He introduced the so-called Kinsey scale, claiming that there is a broad variety between pure homo and pure hetero sexuality. His reports had an important influence on the woman's movement and gay liberation.

It seems to me after reading both book reviews that James Jones accuses Kinsey for inappropriate sampling of the candidates he interviewed. Jones suggests that homosexual behaviour is overestimated by Kinsey. (Kinsey himself was bisexual.) According to James, Kinsey was a married homosexual, denying thereby the fact that Kinsey stayed married (and continued sleeping with his wife) after his adult sexual practices with men. Jones also denies the definition of bisexuality of Kinsey.

I think the book does not leave much credit for the work of Kinsey and might have a negative effect on bisexual liberation. Is there something we can do? This is a nice subject for any (modern) newspaper. In case we are involved, we might turn this event into something which is useful for bisexual liberation and acceptance in the society.

from Pascal via the Internet

## *Patrice Donnelly cops out on Bi*

from LA's *Lesbian News* (Jan 98) by way of Rex Wockner

"I love everybody. A lot of women assume that I'm a lesbian, and it's kind of a copout to say I'm bi. I'd rather say I'm sexual. I've had relationships with women and with men. I'm comfortable with my sexuality. I love the person, not the anatomy." -- Patrice Donnelly who played Tori in the 1982 lesbian film, *Personal Best*.

### Leo's homosexuality questioned

from Capital Q - 30 Jan. 1998

According to the London Times, new research into the private life of Leonardo da Vinci has cast doubt on previous views that he was a homosexual. While in his sixties, Leonardo had an intense relationship with a courtesan, known as la Cremona and was a regular customer at a Milanese brothel. Professor Carlo Pedretti, director of the Hammer Centre for Leonardo Studies at the University of California, is to publish his findings in the forthcoming issue of *Accademia Leonardi Vinci*, an annual volume of studies on the artist.

From his home in Tuscany, Italy, Pedretti said, "I'm afraid it's tough news for the gay movement." The findings suggest that Leonardo was at the very least bisexual. Part of his reputation for being a homosexual was derived from his trial in Florence at the age of 24, on sodomy charges at which he was acquitted. Historians also saw his ambiguous relationship with three young boys who lived in the Vatican with him as further proof of his homosexuality. What is now certain, is that Leonardo enjoyed the company of this woman and had other girlfriends.

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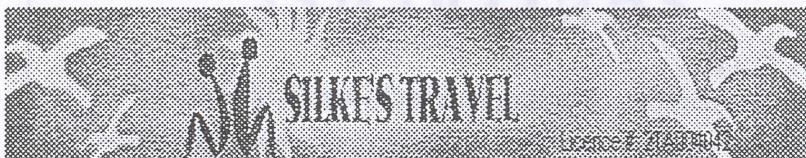
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## LOCAL NEWS

### TOM ROBINSON'S AUSTRALIAN TOUR - PROPOSED INTINERARY

- \*Saturday 14th Feb arrive in MELBOURNE.
- \*Sunday 15th Feb MELBOURNE: short set at Lesbian & Gay Midsumma Festival in Alexandria Gardens.
- \*Monday 16th Feb day off
- \*Tuesday 17th Feb day off (but possible extra show at Comedy Club MELBOURNE)
- \*Wednesday 18th Feb MELBOURNE: Carlton Room, Comedy Club, Lygon St.
- \*Thursday 19th Feb travel to SYDNEY
- \*Friday 20th Feb SYDNEY: Bisexual Conference Launch at the Sydney Gay & Lesbian PRIDE Centre, Surry Hills, around 8.45pm.
- \*Saturday 21st Feb NEW SOUTH WALES (to be confirmed) Blue Mountains Festival
- \*Sunday 22nd Feb SYDNEY "Good Bi Party" at the Stonewall Hotel, 175 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst.
- \*Monday 23rd Feb SYDNEY: Cooking Vinyl Showcase night at The Basement (to be confirmed)
- \*Tuesday 24th Feb WOLLONGONG Concert in support of AIDS Council Of NSW at Illawarra Performing Arts Centre (IPAC).
- \*Wednesday 25th Feb SYDNEY: Cat & Fiddle (to be confirmed)
- \*Thursday 26th Feb SYDNEY: Hopetoun, Surry Hills (to be confirmed)
- \*Friday 27th Feb day off (but possibly CANBERRA, Tilly's - to be confirmed)
- \*Saturday 28th Feb day off for SYDNEY Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade
- \*Sunday 1st March depart for UK

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*Official Travel Agent for the 3rd Australian Conference on Bisexuality - Sydney 20 to 23 Feb. 1998.*

As part of Melbourne's Midsumma Festival, I spoke at the Health in Difference 2, the 2nd National Conference on Lesbian, Gay, Transgender & Bisexual Health. I was part of the panel on *Phobias And Their Impacts*, speaking about Biphobia on Thursday 22nd January at 2pm. On Friday I conducted a workshop on BiActivism at 4pm. We had a small but interested group (of mostly Bis) for this workshop.

Wayne from ABN was there and set up a Bi Information Table which did attract people but was mostly successful in giving us Bi-visibility over the three days of the conference. Sam Stott from Sydney Bi Youth, James Newlyn from Second Story, Adelaide and Kirsten McLean, Karen Bryan & Scott from Melbourne were there to give us support.

On the Thursday evening, we organised a Bi dinner at one of the cafes at which over 20 people attended and to top it off, it was Wayne's birthday. Afterwards many of us went on to party at the Q&A.

Melbourne's GLBT Pride March was on Sunday the 1st of February. I had registered Melbourne Bisexual Youth as an official group participant. Just thought I'd fill you in on the brilliant day that was had by all at the pride march. We were a small but noisy, enthusiastic group, headed by the ace banner with Bi Pride on it in rainbow colours, the Bi symbols and MBY details. We got a lot of cheers from bystanders and gave out brochures etc. I'm contacting MSO/Brother Sister about putting the ads in this week as it's vital to keep the momentum going.

I am also writing to Greg (VAC beats education team. He chaired the panel I spoke at, during Health In-Difference Conference) in regard to a funding application to have some workshops in the group regarding safe sex. A number of the women have been having sex with women for a while, without even knowing what a dental dam is. Of course, there's also the double issue of integrating safe sex into a opposite sex relationship etc etc. I realise I could probably get someone to speak for free, but I like to pay people where possible for their time and knowledge, especially as our meetings are on weekends! Also it makes a point of the important of including us in health policies etc etc.

Lisa (Michael's girlfriend) has been speaking to the president of JoyFM (gay and lesbian radio station here in melbourne) and after explaining the lack of inclusion the guy apparently feels really guilty and is happy for us to organise a slot and go on air, I dont know if it's a regular thing but it's a fabulous idea.

### *Cosmo's "Sexually Suspect Man"*

The March issue of *Cosmopolitan* magazine (out now) features the "10 Men You Should Never Sleep With". One of these is the "Sexually Suspect Man" which has a photograph of REM band member, Michael Stipe with the caption "rock-a-bi-baby". Stipe came out some time back that he sleeps with women and men. The *Cosmo* article targets male bisexuality and makes it an undesirable trait for a lover to have. This is the same magazine that has previously eroticised female bisexuality in articles. While one may not wish to sleep with Michael Stipe for a number of reasons, his bisexuality or that of any other male should not be portrayed as a negative characteristic for a lover or potential lover to have. WE all know bisexuals make great lovers. *Cosmo*'s Julie Brown also stereotypes bisexual men as gay, far from it Julie. If you read all 10 "bad" men types, you wonder what sort of men are left. Julie might be better off in the Lesbian camp than dating men.

So it is about time we tell the likes of *Cosmopolitan* magazine that we do not like their judgemental and sexually biased statements, advice and articles. We propose a write in to *Cosmo* and tell them how great a lover bisexuals, particularly bi men are. Articles such as the one in March only breeds prejudice and fear which in turn forces men to conceal their bisexuality from partners. Glenn from Sydney Bi Youth has provided the contacts details for us to write to *Cosmopolitan*. Here they are. Do send *Cosmopolitan* a response !!

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# The ABN Photo Gallery Pages

## Bar Bi at The Rat Hotel



Clockwise: James from Sydney, Julie from The Rat, Niki and Cathy.

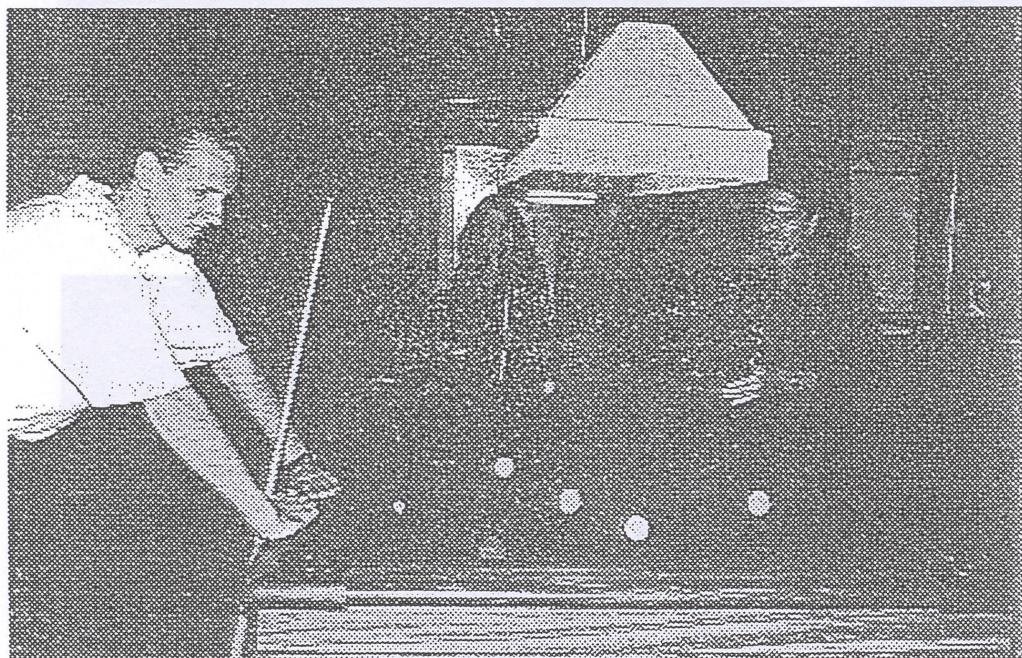


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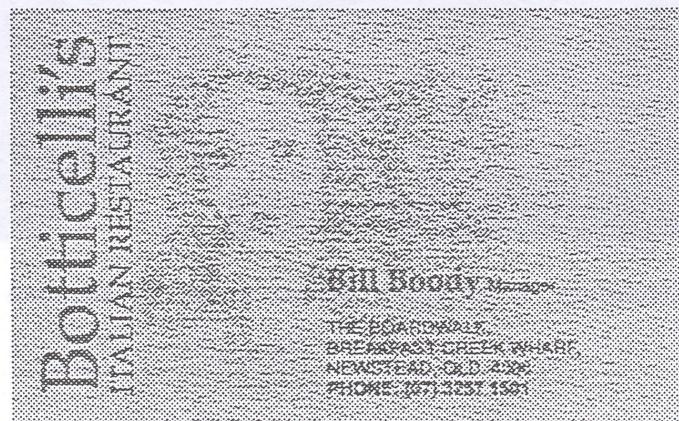
Bar Bi is held at The Rat Hotel, corner of Constance & Ann Streets, Fortitude Valley in Brisbane on the 2nd Saturday & 4th Wednesday each month from 8pm to midnight. Join us



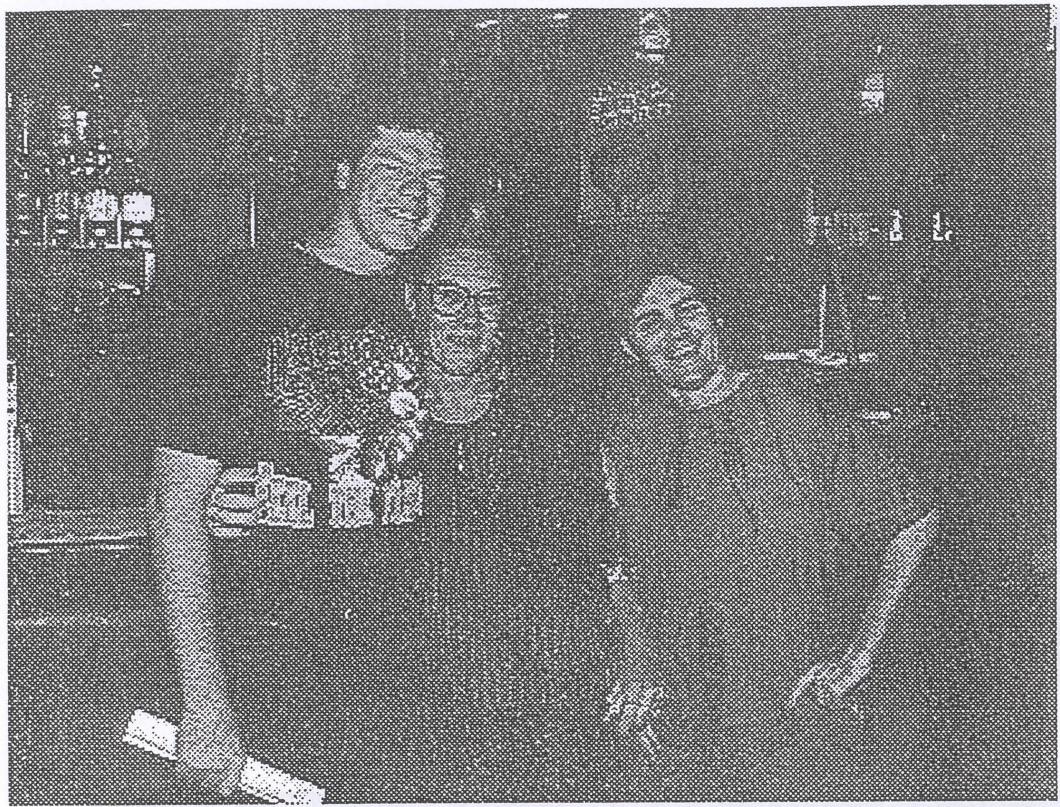
Jewel, Steve, Margaret & Bernie



James, Kerry, and Chris enjoying a game at Bar Bi



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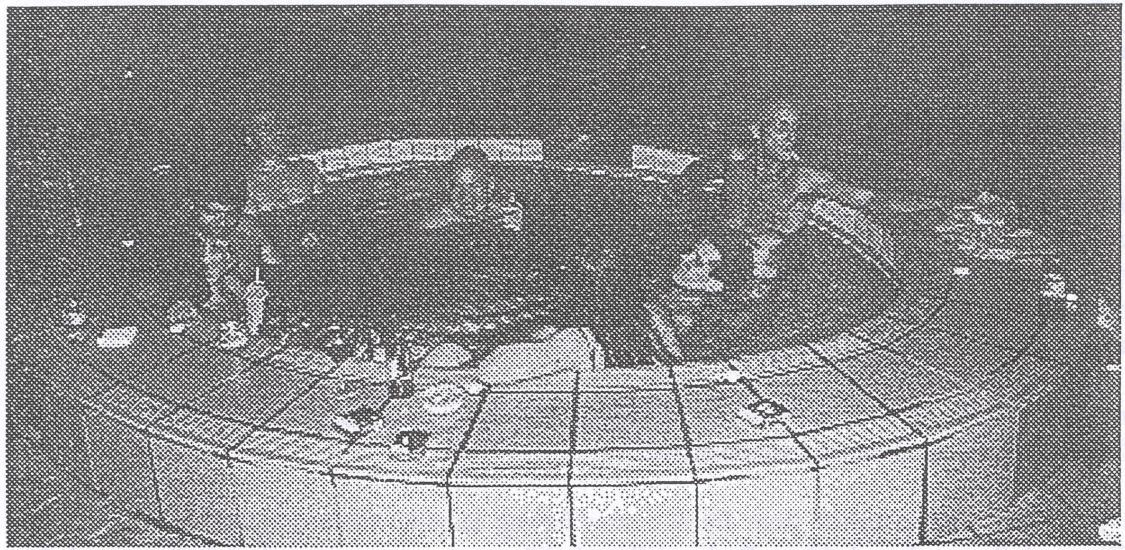
James, Robyn and Geoff (aka Luvbuzz on IRC)

## The Bi Camp – Byron Bay



Some of the Bi Camp attendees in the spa at River Oaks Guesthouse after dinner.

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Another photo of some of the group enjoying at spa at River Oaks.

## Bi Activist Award Winner Selected



Alejandra Sarda of Buenos Aires, Argentina, was selected by a panel of peers from Australia, Singapore, Philippines, South Africa, France, Netherlands, Finland, United Kingdom, Canada and United States of America to receive the 1998 Renildo Jos dos Santos Memorial Award for Bisexual Activism. The Award by the Australian Bisexual Network, will be presented at the opening of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Bisexual Conference in Boston, USA on April 3<sup>rd</sup> by last year's recipient, Robyn Ochs of the USA.

Other nominees for the Award were Carol Queen from the USA and Nick Smith from the United Kingdom. All three are worthy of the recognition and the appreciation of the Bisexual Movement for their contribution to visibility, support, education and activism.

## 2nd British Columbia Bisexual Conference 1997

### On Assignment In Vancouver

by Kurt Zubatiuk

I couldn't believe it. Less than a month after leaving my home of five years (Vancouver) to live in the other centre of the universe (Toronto), I found myself gazing down at the sparkling 'burbs of Greater Vancouver as the last throws of daylight reflected off the mighty (polluted) Fraser River. I sat anxiously, with my cheek pressed against the window of the fat DC-10 airliner. If it weren't for the generosity of a recently out friend, I could never have considered this brief weekend foray.

While squinting at the lights of Grouse Mountain, I mulled over the events that would unfold, the friends I would see and, of course, the conference I would attend.

Just over one year ago I had returned from Europe after having happily bumped into IBIS '96, the 3rd International Bisexual Symposium held in Berlin. When I did return, to my surprise, I discovered that Vancouver (well, BiNET BC) was having its first annual Bisexual Conference. What excitement! After having the time of my life and after meeting so many Bi people at Berlin's IBIS '96, I walked (not so) straight into a promising local scene. Since then, in addition to its various bi weekly meetings, BiNET BC had held two fund raising dances and now was holding its second annual British Columbia Bisexual Conference.

Overall the conference was a good one. Colin Upright and his merry band of organisers expanded the structure and scope of the conference. Rather than housing the conference in a single large hall, where events and topics were handled consecutively, this conference tackled perhaps twice the topics by offering concurrent workshops. People could choose specific workshops they were interested in as opposed to sitting through condensed presentations of everything under the sun. This was made possible by holding the conference in Yaletown's Roundhouse community centre. (Yaletown is a gentrified Vancouver neighbourhood full of high rise condos.) This community centre had a huge hall where registration and opening ceremonies would occur, but it also had a variety of small rooms where the myriad of workshops could take place.

Morning workshop titles included:

- Bisexuality 101: It's New to Me
- Bisexuality, Politics & Activism
- Healing the Bi Soul: Looking Inward
- Bisexual Perspectives on Culture: It's not just Black & White
- Bi Visibility & Media: Do we need visibility?
- Partners of Bisexuals: Exploring Issues
- Bisexual Relationships: What do we need? What do we want?

Afternoon topics included:

- Non-Traditional Relationships: Not just cheese & crackers!
- Bisexual Feminism: Still Feminists!
- Heather has Two Mommies AND a Daddy? (Discussing what it is to be parents and bisexual.)
- Beyond Masculine & Feminine: The Gender Discussion
- The Healthy Bisexual: "Am I Safe Enough?" (Discussing safer sex, STDs and AIDS)
- Bisexual Identities: "Who am I today?"
- Being Bi in the Gay World: "Will my voice be heard?"

There were plenty of familiar faces amongst the ranks of the facilitators. Colin Upright (of course!), Joanne Shaw, Shawna Murphy, Craig Maynard and Karen Hayle were all there as well as the new faces of Tracey Copeland, Debbe Gervin, Peter Hilborne (also an organiser), Sharolyn Lee, Heather Kitching (Queer FM broadcaster) and Carolyn Reitzel (my replacement as Vancouver's correspondent for Bisexual Options).

(There were a few more interesting chaps to mention, including the organiser of the art auction, but they did not consent to the posting of their names.)

The workshops themselves, at least the two I attended, were quite intimate affairs (no pun intended). The workshops were essentially discussion groups where most of the input came from the attendees themselves. At present this is a good arrangement. In a city -- heck, in a country -- where bisexuals have not had much opportunity to speak about themselves nor to hear the experiences of other bisexuals, these discussion groups contribute greatly to our consciousness.

I do think, though, that in the future the organisers of BCBC should consider organising some seminar type workshops where local or guest speakers discuss their particular fields of bisexual-related study or expertise. For example, at IBIS '96 Ron Fox, a prominent psychologist, presented his findings that homosexuality tends to be a stage towards discovering that one is bisexual, which counters the prevailing assumption that bisexuality exists as a stage towards discovering homosexuality.

I believe that Vancouver's bisexual scene would benefit from the potential depth of bisexual-related academic study, whether it be scientific, literary, sociological, media based, or what have you. I, therefore, also believe that the knowledge and perspectives gained outside of our country would only enrich Canada's bisexual experience. Our neighbour, the USA, has had a bisexual movement for over 2 decades. Canada's is still in its infancy. If BiNET BC, perhaps Canada's most active bisexual scene, can swing it, they should eventually consider inviting international guest speakers.

It is good that Colin and the gang pushed forward and organised this concurrent format. By arranging more workshops and having people sign up for specific topics, the conference was able to go into greater depth on its array of topics than was possible last year. It also permitted greater interaction between the facilitators and the people attending, such as through the asking of questions, the interjection of comments and so on. The results were topics which were much more engaging and interesting to take part in.

Unfortunately the pace of the conference sometimes lagged quite noticeably. Transitions between speakers were often quite slow, sometimes leaving the microphone unattended for moments at a time. However, this really only occurred during the introductory and closing procedures. BiNET BC could afford to tighten up on its "scene changes", but this seems to be a mere teething pain and I am sure that experience with future conferences will smooth out such things.

All this said, it can't be denied that BCBC has some great personalities at the helm. These are warm people who succeeded in making the individual workshops and the whole conference completely accessible and comfortable. A particularly welcoming event was a "get acquainted" survey organised by Sharolyn Lee. We played this out in the morning before the workshops got under way. During this survey Sharolyn would ask a variety of questions and we, as individuals in the crowd, were to respond by going to different areas of the hall. So, she asked, "How do you rank yourself? If you're mainly 'homo' go to that end of the room. If you're mainly 'hetero' go to that side. Everyone attracted to women and men equally stand in the middle." Amongst other intriguing inquiries, Sharolyn asked us who were tops and who were bottoms. I figure this last survey was in preparation for the dance later that night.

A bunch of media arrived to cover this conference. Most of the community papers wrote about the conference including The Westender, The Vancouver Courier, The Vancouver Echo and Angles. Angles, a local LGB publication, gave BCBC a full page write-up. (It is curious that Xtra West, a prominent gay/lesbian paper with branches in Toronto and Ottawa, did not cover the conference.) Local radio CKNW-AM checked it out and CBC TV (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) aired a report on the 6:00 pm news on the following Monday.

Yours truly, along with Heather Kitching, Jensen Didulo and a number of other people, were videotaped by CBC at lunch hour. A mock "Bi 101" workshop was set up and we were taped as we spoke our opinions or about our experiences as bisexual. This mock workshop was set up to avoid inadvertently taping anyone who was not yet out. The taping was really fun and I enjoyed it thoroughly (being a bit of a ham). More

importantly it was good to see the media take this interest and come out (so to speak) as they did in the numbers that they did.

The day's events closed with the results of BiNET BC's fund raising art auction. It took the form of a silent auction that continued throughout the day. Paintings, prints, photographs, sculptures and multi-media pieces were displayed all day while prospective buyers left their bids for fellow bidders to see. It seemed to be a success, as I believe all the works sold. An artist myself, I submitted an oil painting of a male nude. I was pleased that my beloved Homo Erectus (pun intended) was bought by an enthusiast who truly appreciated the sentiment of my work. One couple wanted to auction themselves as slaves, complete with collars, but the idea didn't fly with the organisers.

Admittedly, the dance was the highlight of my day. I'm afraid I missed the bulk of the performances, as I did last year, but the dance itself was a good one. In this our merry band of organisers excelled and improved over last year's dance party. The music was much better, the space was much better -- with more open space -- and the dance actually went beyond midnight! I think it wrapped up around 1:30 or 2:00 am. It was also much more fun for me personally, because I was there with friends whom I made at last year's conference and with friends who had since come out as bisexual. I hadn't danced so hard in ages. There just isn't anything like dancing to good music in a relaxed bisexual crowd I tell you.

Anything goes!

## "Soul Searching and Politics"

Reported by S. G. Lee

Bisexuality is not complicated. For bisexuals, love indeed sees no gender. Living as a bisexual can, however, be very complicated. "Coming out" as a bisexual can be a confusing and frightening process, and adopting a lifestyle that embraces bisexuality can seem almost impossible.

If there is one trait at the heart of bisexuality, it is questioning. Bisexuals today are struggling towards self-definition and self-respect in a society which questions their very existence. The bisexual movement, quite new in North America and still in its infancy in Canada, is just beginning to bring together bisexuals to create a philosophy, politic and culture of bisexuality that will include the widely diverse bisexual population.

Bisexuals are asking of themselves and society, "What is gender? How does the perfect relationship look? Is orientation a choice? Do I have to choose? What is our place in the gay community? Can I be a parent? Partner? Celibate? Activist?"

The Second Annual B.C. Bisexual Conference, held at the Roundhouse Community Centre on September 6, was an opportunity for bisexuals in this region to come together to consider their questions, to share, and to celebrate. The only conference of its kind in Canada, the BCBC began last year as an extension of the small existing social and support groups. Organizers expected to attract a maximum of fifty people for a day of information and discussion, and were overwhelmed by a turnout of more than one hundred. This year's conference saw attendance rise to one hundred and fifty participants, and offered a choice of a dozen workshops and discussion groups, as well as plenary sessions and a dance party.

The 1997 conference organizers tried to move past the "Bisexuality 101" kind of information and into more in-depth discussions of various aspects of bisexuals' lives, while maintaining support for those just coming out. Workshop topics ranged from "Bisexual Feminism" to "Healing the Bi Soul" to "Bi in the Gay World."

As someone whose first experience of a bisexual "event" was last year's conference, I found the 97 BCBC to be both an exhilarating first step towards a local bi movement, and also a reminder of how far we have to go. Talk at this conference began to focus on organizing and activism, and on the wider repercussions of bisexuality, both for bis and for society at large. Still, many of those in attendance were struggling with the

personal conflicts of their bisexuality. For most of us, it is still a surprise that there are so many other bisexuals. Before we can move on, it seems we need a lot more reassurance that we are not alone.

We began the day with a game to find out just who this mass of bisexuals was. As we broke up into groups, we discovered that participants ranged in age from fifteen to fifty, including many races, genders and lifestyles, with many perspectives on bisexuality. Organizing bisexuals is rather like organizing anarchists, and there were as many agendas as conference-goers. People came looking for support, information, activism, social interaction and healing. Fortunately, the prevailing attitude of openness and tolerance allowed people to explore in many different directions, and to disagree without animosity.

One area of disagreement was the label "bisexual." (There was general consensus on dislike of labels.) The notion that there are only two genders is not much respected among bisexuals, as the workshop group on gender pointed out. Options such as "pansexual" and "anthrosexual" were discussed, as was the theory that we might replace the notion of hetero versus homosexual with the concept of mono versus plural-sexual.

As well as being inaccurate, the label bisexual brings with it a number of stereotypes which serve to oppress all bisexual people. In many workshops and discussions through the day, with both laughter and tears, bisexual people talked about being accused of "just being in a phase," "not being able to make up our minds" or "resorting to heterosexual privilege." One speaker remarked that part of the joy of the conference was that being in a room with 150 bisexuals made it hard to believe those who say we don't exist.

Bisexual men and women are accused of spreading AIDS, are shunned by those who say we can't possibly maintain a relationship, and often find themselves on the periphery of both gay and straight society. When we look for reflections of ourselves in the popular culture, we are either invisible or portrayed as neurotics or sex maniacs. Many of us are still closeted in at least some parts of our lives.

That fact was brought home by the difficulty of dealing with the media at the conference. While welcoming the chance to educate the general public about bisexuality, organizers worried over CBC's television coverage of the event. Several times throughout the day, warnings went out about camera presence in certain areas, so that those who did not wish to be seen on television could leave. Even in the group photographs, people were given the option to stand with their face towards or away from the camera.

In the various groups throughout the day, and in the closing session, people talked about facing misunderstanding and hostility from others, and about struggling with their own questions about how to live out their orientation. In the three workshops on relationships -- "What Do We Want", "Non-traditional Relationships", and "Partners of Bisexuals" -- people shared a dizzying array of possibilities -- and more questions. Isn't having an exclusive relationship with one man and one woman monogamy? How do monosexual partners deal with bisexuality? Are we really ready to move beyond the "couple" tradition so deeply ingrained in our culture?

So few of us seem to have found relationships that allow us to be loved without denying part of ourselves. Their stories were inspiring. For the rest of us, the space to just imagine the possibilities was a first step. Several ongoing support and discussion groups formed from these workshops.

From the personal, discussion inevitable moved to the political. Whether struggling to get "and bisexual" added to the titles of gay and lesbian organizations or fighting to overcome biphobia in straight society, bisexuals are becoming increasingly involved in activism. This year's conference has led to the formation of a bisexual political organization which hopes to carry out activism and educational work for the bisexual community.

These kinds of continuing projects were a very exciting outgrowth of this conference. Once facilitator remarked that, "What was most important for me at the conference was the overwhelming feeling in both groups I helped facilitate -- the politics discussion and the gender discussion -- that the conference meeting was just the beginning. There was a definite consensus in the political group that a bisexual political organization was long overdue. Already, I feel that what we've learned from this year's bisexual conference will ensure that

and entertainment. Bisexual artists are coming out, and they shared poetry, fiction, jokes and dances with their fellows. A silent art auction raised funds for the next conference. The musical duo "Bi the Way" performed their popular bi rewrites of such classics as "When a Man Loves a Woman" (featuring variations such as when a woman loves a woman who loves a man who dresses like a woman) and we got the first taste of a musical exploring the struggles of a lesbian who unexpectedly falls in love with a man.

The BC Bisexual Conference was a reflection of the small but growing bi community here. We are young, perhaps a bit naive, and maybe too willing to accommodate ourselves in order to be accepted. Like other communities, we are struggling to include people of every age, race, gender, class and ability, and we do not always succeed. There is a lot of spirit, and a slowly growing sense of solidarity. With so many "baby bis" among us, the wonder of simply being surrounded by like-minded people, especially if you've struggled for years in the belief that you are alone, is constantly present.

For some final words on the 1997 Bisexual Conference, here's what some of the participants had to say:

"I think the conference will help me with my soul searching."

"It was for me, the stuff of magic to be surrounded by all these people that are like me, all in the same room, looking normal. All my fears of who and what I am melted away. I now feel real joy and pride for who I am. I feel complete."

"Right the fuck on!"

For information on BiNet British Columbia - e-mail ([binetbc@hotmail.com](mailto:binetbc@hotmail.com)) or regular mail (BiNetBC, Box 53515, 984 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C., V5Z 1K0 Canada).

## 1998 Australian Bisexual Community Advancement Awards

The following people and organisations were nominated and have been accepted to receive ABN's 1998 Bisexual Community Advancement Award.

The Award Presentations will be held at the opening of the national Bi Conference on the evening of Friday 20th February at The Pride Centre, Surry Hills, Sydney, 7.30pm start. The evening will include a performance from London Bi singer songwriter, Tom Robinson and will be followed by social drinks. The registration desk will be open from 6.30pm. For Bi Conference delegates, entry is included with your conference registration and for others entry is \$5. Do come & support our Community. Congratulations go to:

### NEW SOUTH WALES

Graham McKay  
Sam Stott  
Glenn Vassallo  
Juliet Richters  
Rosanne Bersten  
Craig Walker  
Robert & Monique Kemp

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Jewel Phoenix  
Julie Newcombe  
Illese Naylor  
Gillian Evans  
Jason Squire

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Anne Bellman

### QUEENSLAND

Steve Smith  
Kirsten McLean  
Catherine Lawrence  
Zoe Velonis  
Vicki Sinnott  
BrotherSister (Victoria)

### SPECIAL AWARD

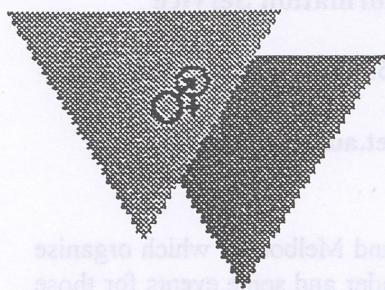
Sabina Nowak

The Awards were initiated in 1996 and past recipients of Awards are not eligible to receive another Award for 2 years unless in exceptional circumstances. Recognition for their work within the Bi community and/or local Bi groups will be made to a number of past and possible 1999 recipients of the Award. They are:

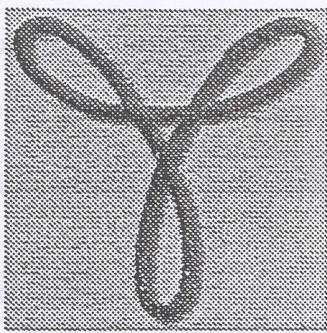
Munro Saunders, Kate Hickson, Maree Porter, Hok Gan, Jean Kropper, Christopher Rowe, Wayne Roberts, Mik Schepers.

We should also remember the many other Bi and Bi-friendly people & groups helping and supporting our Community and to those we express our thanks. Hopefully nominations will be received for some of them for the 1999 Awards.

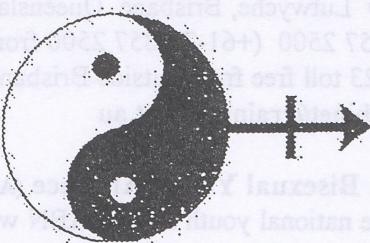
## Bi Symbols



The familiar Bi double triangles of pink and blue overlapping to give a small lavender triangle in the centre.



The new Bi pride symbol from Amazons Ink in USA.



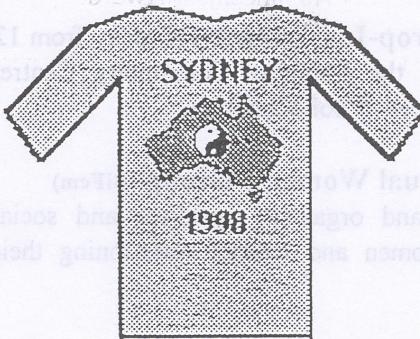
The Australian Bi & Bi pride symbol developed in 1993 and adopted by ABN as a national Bi symbol.



Amazons Bi Pride T-shirts launched in Dec. 97.



Front of special 1998 Mardi Gras Bi T-shirt.



Back of special 1998 Mardi Gras Bi T-shirt.

Bi symbols are a way we can express whom we are or recognise others from our Tribe. They can be in the form of jewelry such as pendants, rings, ear rings, bracelets and even belt buckles or use on clothing such as shirts, singlets, pull-overs, caps and underwear.

The Sydney Bisexual Network as part of their involvement in the 3rd Australian Conference on Bisexuality and the 1998 Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade has developed a Bi T-shirt to be worn with pride by those marching in the Parade with the Bisexual Communities' contingent on February 28th. The front and back designs are shown above right. They are available from ABN, SBN, SBY, at the Conference & at the Parade. Only those wearing the T-shirt and blue jeans will be allowed to march in the Bi Contingent. The shirts are \$15 for members of Bi groups in the Parade, \$17 for other Parade participants, \$20 for non-participants.

Call or write to Sydney Bisexual Network to order your T-shirt. See listings for contact details.

## National Bi Listings

### Australian Bisexual Network

PO Box 490 Lutwyche, Brisbane Queensland Australia 4030

Tel. (07) 3857 2500 (+61-7-3857 2500 from overseas)

1800-653 223 toll free from outside Brisbane (please use only if absolutely necessary).

E-mail: ausbinet@rainbow.net.au

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### Bisexual Community Information Service

Mobile: 0416 - 068 532

Home Page: <http://www.rainbow.net.au/~ausbinet/>

### Australian Bisexual Youth Alliance (ABYA)

ABYA is the national youth arm of ABN with Bi youth groups in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne which organise regular meetings and social events for young bisexual men and women aged 27 and under and some events for those under 30 years. The ABYA national youth officers are Maree Porter of Newcastle and Myke Dobber of Hobart. Sabina Nowak of Adelaide was the ABYA youth representative to the International Lesbian and Gay Youth Organisation's Conference on Homophobia and Fascism in Pisa, Italy, July 27 to August 3rd 1997. All national and local youth officers can be contacted by e-mail and/or telephone. For more details call or e-mail ABN.

## Queensland

### Australian Bisexual Network (Brisbane)

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7.30pm, at: Cafe Babylon, 142 Boundary Street, West End, Brisbane (ask at counter for directions).

**Bar Bi** at The Rat Hotel, cnr. Constance & Ann Streets, Fortitude Valley is held on the 2nd Saturday and 4th Wednesday each month from 8pm to midnight.

**Lunch Time Drop-In** is on each Thursday from 12 noon to 2pm at the Rainbow Community Centre, 719A Stanley Street, Woolloongabba.

### Brisbane Bisexual Women's Group (BiFem)

Meets monthly and organises speakers and social events for bi women and women questioning their sexuality.

### Brisbane Bi Youth (BBY)

Meets on the 1st Saturday each month at the Promenade Cafe, Qld. Performing Arts Centre (ground level), cnr. Melbourne & Stanley Streets, South Brisbane from 2pm until 3pm then go to Southbank or City. Call Shawn (07) 3871 0160 or e-mail Chris at [chrisrow@rainbow.net.au](mailto:chrisrow@rainbow.net.au)

### Townsville Bi Group

A mixed group for Bi men and women, can be contacted by calling Julie on 014-971 582.

### Tropical Blaze - Cairns

A mixed gender/sexuality group for people in the Cairns district of far north Queensland. Can be contacted by calling Illese on (07) 4031 3410 or Shane on (07) 4051 7490.

## New South Wales

### Sydney Bisexual Network (SBN)

PO Box 281, Broadway, NSW 2007.

Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month from 8pm, Upstairs, Macro Wholefoods, 170 King Street, Newtown. For information on Sydney events & meetings call (02) 9565-4281 or check their web site at <http://bi.org/~sbn/> or e-mail: [sbn@bi.org](mailto:sbn@bi.org)

### Bisexuals Of The Hunter (BOTH)

If you are in the Newcastle or Hunter Region of NSW, you can get more info on B.O.T.H. by writing to Maree Porter, Queer Convenor (NUSA), PO Box 57, Shortland Building, Callaghan NSW 2308 or call Maree on 0411-635 325 after 6pm only.

### Sydney Bi Youth (SBY)

PO Box 73, Darlinghurst, NSW 2010.

Meetings are at 7:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at the Pride Centre, 26 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills, 2010. SBY can be contacted by emailing [sby@queer.org.au](mailto:sby@queer.org.au) or by ringing Glenn on 0414-664 888 or Sam on 015-677-016. Their web site can be found at: <http://www.queer.org.au/~sby/>

### Bi & Partners Social Club (Gosford)

PO Box 2030, Gosford, NSW 2250.

For information on events call (02) 4323 9064 or e-mail: [statboa@exarch.com.au](mailto:statboa@exarch.com.au) or check their web site at <http://www.exarch.com.au/~statboa/>

### Women Partners of Bisexual Men Support Project

PO Box 350, Darlinghurst, NSW 2010

or telephone (02) 9206 2026 (business hours).

## Australian Capital Territory

**Canberra Region Bisexual Network (CRBN)**  
PO Box 458, Civic Square, ACT 2608

## Victoria

### Melbourne Bisexual Network (MBN)

PO Box 38, Clifton Hill, VIC 3068

This new group has formed recently to fill the void following the disbanding of Bisexual Awareness Melbourne (BAM). They have taken over the old BAM postal box. For info e-mail Andrew at [Andrew.vanderStock@whcn.org.au](mailto:Andrew.vanderStock@whcn.org.au) or call Andrew on (03) 9576 8471

### Melbourne Bi Youth (MBY)

Call Catherine on (03) 9521 4128 or e-mail her at [catherinel@union.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:catherinel@union.unimelb.edu.au)

### Bi & Partners Social Club (Geelong)

For information on this new group for bisexual people and their partners, call Marci on (03) 5253 3103 or e-mail to [d\\_medley@hotmail.com](mailto:d_medley@hotmail.com) and home page: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Village/5188/>

### Eastern Bisexual Support Group

For women over 25 years. Feeling isolated? Join this fun group for social outings, discussions, workshops, speakers. For details call Tania on (03) 9723 4274 and leave name and phone number. (ABN has had no contact with EBSG.)

### Franklin Centre

Initiative of the Australian Bisexual Men's Association. The GAMMA Project provides counselling and groups for bisexual and married gay men and their partners, training and workshops for health and community professionals & volunteers, a resource library and a telephone information and counselling service. Contact:

The Franklin Centre, PO Box 223, Mont Albert, VIC 3127 or phone (03) 9890 1068 or GAMMALINE (03) 9899 0509. E-mail: [gpnewst@vicnet.net.au](mailto:gpnewst@vicnet.net.au) <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~abma>

## Tasmania

### Hobart Bisexual Support Network

c/o TGLRG, GPO Box 1733, Hobart, TAS 7001  
E-mail Myke Dobber at: [m\\_dobber@postoffice.utas.edu.au](mailto:m_dobber@postoffice.utas.edu.au) and for information on social events you can call Sally or Alan on (03) 6278 8721.

## South Australia

### Adelaide Bisexual Support Group (ABSG)

Organizes social events and meetings for bi and Bi-friendly people. If you are interested please call Gillian on (08) 8395 0318 for details.

E-mail: [gevans@dove.net.au](mailto:gevans@dove.net.au)

**Bi The Way** is an online & hardcopy newsletter, with news and events for Adelaide's Bi community <http://www.box.net.au/~merlin/newsletter.html>  
E-mail Jason at [merlin@box.net.au](mailto:merlin@box.net.au)

## West Australia

### Western Australian Bisexual Network (WABN)

PO Box 1167, Canning Vale, WA 6155  
Email: [numbers@wantree.com.au](mailto:numbers@wantree.com.au)

### Perth Bisexual Women's Group (BiWim)

Bisexual women's social support group  
E-mail Paula at: [photogal@highway1.com.au](mailto:photogal@highway1.com.au) or write: PO Box 8369, Stirling Business Centre, Western Australia 6849

## Northern Territory

### KATHCON

KATHCON is a new group forming for bisexual people in the Katherine region of the NT. Write to Peter, c/- KATHCON, PO Box 417, Katherine, NT 0851

## Other Bi Resources

**OzBi** - e-mail list for Australian Bisexuals & friends. To subscribe, send the command: subscribe ozbi to [majordomo@queer.org.au](mailto:majordomo@queer.org.au) (leave subject line blank). To send e-mail message to list: [ozbi@queer.org.au](mailto:ozbi@queer.org.au)

**OzSpouse-Support** - e-mail list for straight spouses and their bisexual, lesbian, gay or transgender spouses. To subscribe, send the command: subscribe OzSpouse-Support to [majordomo@queer.org.au](mailto:majordomo@queer.org.au) This is a closed list where only members can post and see messages.

### Bisexual Women's Contact Newsletter

PO Box 221 Budgewoi NSW 2262

### Babelicious

Contact newsletter for women who love women.  
PO Box 357 Rozelle NSW 2039

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ATTRACTIVE COUPLE Bi woman & hetero guy seek Bi woman or couple for friendship and fun times, aged 18-35. Will travel for right person. All letters answered. Code NS-S5.

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FARMER 43, Snowy Mtns. Area, non-scene Bi guy, fit, seeking younger gay or bi guy, masculine, nice looking, slim person for friendship / relationship. A person who likes fishing, walking in the mountains, movies, having a drink in country pubs and quiet times on lovely old farm. Code NS-C3.

##### NORTHERN RIVERS, NSW.

BI GUY Active bi-guy seeks activity partners (m or f). I'm in my early 40s and married, so discretion essential. I'm easy going, friendly, honest and sincere. Interests: Travel, photography, creative writing, sport and uninhibited sex! Drop me a line to: robho@lis.net.au or Code NS-H4.

##### HUNTER VALLEY, NSW.

BI TRANSGENDERED WOMAN As a single bi transgendered woman, I get a bit lonely and sexually frustrated. I love adventure and romance, and am into all sorts of things (read my homepage at <http://www.trl.com.au/pollychrome/entrance.htm>), and love sharing interests and time with friends, and I like making new friends. :) This is not an ad for a sex partner (though I'd love that too) cause I really can't imagine me having sex with people I don't know, but I AM looking for new friends of both genders. If something develops, well hey, what a bonus! But if it doesn't, well I still have a friend. :) Hope to hear from you soon.. Code NS-S4.

##### LISMORE (Far North Coast).

GORGEIOUS BISEXUAL 36, fit & passionate about life, seeking equally spirited & warm-hearted Bisexual(s) for friendship or more. Interests include: intelligent & inspiring conversation, the media, writing, honesty & meditation, genuine connection with people. Looking forward to your reply by mail. Code NS-A1.

##### LISMORE (Far North Coast).

GAY GUY 42, good looking, fair, goatie, masculine, craftsman, lonely on property, 30 minutes from Lismore seeks Bi guys or masculine gays for sensual outlets and good company. Loves nudity, J/O sessions with slim smooth and masculine males. Also seek introduction to Bi with good looking understanding couple. Visitors from SE Queensland welcome. Code NS-B5.

##### SYDNEY.

PROFESSIONAL M/F COUPLE both 28 yrs, she 5'7, large breasts, attractive, intelligent, seek; intelligent, attractive, open minded bi-female, 20-30 years in the inner city -Sydney region to satisfy females sexual desires and fantasies with another woman. Female is very bi and very frustrated in the lack of f/f sex. First timers welcome. Threesomes considered. Females only please! E-mail to: lesko@real.net.au

#### SYDNEY.

BI GUY cute looking, very slim young guy, 182 cm, brown hair, blue eyes, love beach, snow, movies and cafes. I'm gentle, intelligent, looking for Bi woman for friendship or relationship. Prefer under 40 years, like me. Would consider a couple. Code NS-P4.

#### SYDNEY.

BI GUY 27, dreamer, genuine, passionate, romantic, looking for man / woman for F/R/Ship 23 - 30. Someone to share adventures of life, laughter, intimate moments and happiness! Photo appreciated, ALA. Pen Pals most welcome. Code NS-L1.

#### SYDNEY.

BI GUY quite attractive, early to mid 20's, seeks same. Looking for friendship, and an opportunity to explore the higher side of the Kinsay Scale (eg. a guy). Must be somebody who enjoys life, is positive-thinking and not afraid to express true feelings and beliefs. Code NS-S3.

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#### QUEENSLAND (QLD).

##### BRISBANE.

BI LADY married, slim, attractive, 43, seeks similar active Bi or Bi-curious lady for intimacy and adventures. No couples please. Code QD-K6.

##### BRISBANE.

ATTRACTIVE FEMININE BI ASIAN LADY seeking pretty feminine woman, 25 to 40 yrs for fun & exciting relationship, no couples please. Code QD-C9.

##### BRISBANE.

BI-CURIOUS WOMAN 22 yrs, would like to meet a bi woman or lesbian to help me explore female love and intimacy. ALA. Code QD-T6.

##### BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN I'm attractive 33, 9 stone, 5'4". I'm seeking a bi woman, preferably single to join in fun times and excitement within my marriage. Age up to 45 years. Code QD-B20.

##### BRISBANE.

BI LADY, STRAIGHT HUSBAND early 40's, slim & attractive, enjoy outdoors. Wish to meet Bi lady for friendship & outings. Both smokers and social drinkers. First ad. Limits respected. Kids okay. Code QD-K5.

##### BRISBANE / IPSWICH.

BI COUPLE early 30's seek Bi woman 25 - 40 yrs, mainly for female, male willing to participate if required. We are: female - 5'2", 56kg, male - 5'8", 85kg. We love fun, strictly casual & no strings, prefer day time contact, other times can be negotiated. Please send phone number, details and interests. Code QD-F3.

##### BRISBANE.

BI-COUPLE (M50, F43) looking for a bi-male to become part of a mutually satisfying 3-some. Must have a hassle free approach and NS. ALA. Code QD-W9.

##### BRISBANE.

BI-FEMALE (43, size 10) looking for another bi-female for friendship and fun, sexy times. I am married and my husband would like to watch, but not necessarily to participate. Code QD-W10.

#### BRISBANE/GOLD COAST

BI MALE. 34 Yr BI MALE seeking COUPLES or BI MALES/LADIES for friendship & fun, who can enlighten me in all aspects of Bisexuality. I'm a Australian male, who is 170cm in height, 65 Kg in weight, of thin build & fair complexion with hazel coloured eyes & short brown hair. I enjoy nudity, exhibitionism & photography. Phone No/Photo/Email Address if possible would be much appreciated. Email me at n0355780@onaustralia.com.au

#### BRISBANE / PINE RIVERS.

BI GUY 32, shy, artistic and romantic, spent a long time thinking I was exclusively gay. Seeking a bohemian woman of any age, (single or in a relationship), for friendship. Nothing sleazy. Please write. Anything is possible while Bowie lives. Code QD-L8.

#### BRISBANE / SE QLD.

BI GUY 22 yr s old seeking Bi guy up to 25 yo for friendship or relationship. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, tanned skin & smooth medium build. Please send detailed letter with photo & phone number for quick reply. Code QD-D10.

**IF YOUR AD HAS BEEN MISSED OUT OUR APOLOGIES  
PLEASE LET US KNOW SO IT WILL BE IN JAN/FEB ISSUE**

#### BRISBANE BAYSIDE / CLEVELAND.

MARRIED BI MALE 50's would like to meet Bi man, Bi lady or Bi couple any gender mix, Wynnum to Cleveland or near by, a non-smoker and seeks same. Code QD-K7.

#### BRISBANE / SUNSHINE COAST.

BI GUY single tall, slim, av looks, good sense of humour would like to meet other slim/medium build bi guys or girls under 35 for friendship, outings, hot sex if we like & possible ongoing relationship. Love giving oral, write soon. QD-R13.

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#### GOLD COAST.

GUY 37 yo slim discrete gay guy with bi tendencies seeks slim women or couple to 45 to introduce me to straight safe sex. Code QD-B19.

#### STRADBROKE ISLAND.

GUY seeks guy/s under 56, slim/med build who are into oral and anal sex & want love, f/ship, kiss, cuddle or just someone to write to. I'm a horny active 56 yo, slim/med build, av looks, 184cm, 93kg. SOH, I'm lonely & need to be wanted. Genuine Ad, write soon, ALA, phone number please, a photo would be nice. Code QD-B16.

#### SUNSHINE BEACH.

COUPLE Bi woman 41 yrs, straight husband 42 yrs, seeks Bi woman for long term f/ship, r/ship. We're an easy-going, fun loving couple who enjoy the outdoor life and all kinds of social outings. Code QD-H9.

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NEVER SHARE SEX TOYS, VIBRATORS, ETC.  
NEVER SHARE NEEDLES OR SYRINGES**

#### VICTORIA (VIC).

##### MELBOURNE.

BI MALE 60, retired, clean, considerate, no hang-ups, non-smoker/drinker, good sense of humour, nudist, would like long term relationship with couple m/f or m/m of similar age. Interests range from classical music and art to books, talk and passionate sex. Northern suburbs but will travel to right people within Melbourne or even Peninsula. Have wife's approval but she does not wish to participate in sexual activities with others. Code VI-S2.

## TASMANIA (TAS).

### HOBART.

BI FEMALE I am a 27 year old bisexual female, married, hubby 49, three young children, have limited experience with females. I am seeking a friend and lover for me and husband. Genuine replies, photo & phone number if possible. All letters answered. Code TA-F1.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA (WA).

### BUNBURY.

SEEKING BI FRIENDS I'm 29 and happily married to a very understanding guy, I have 2 great kids and am currently balancing motherhood with the renovation of an old house and Uni. I would love to meet and/or correspond with other Bi women of any age, all replies answered. Email me; leicecra@altu.net.au or write quoting:

Code WA-O2.

### COUNTRY WA.

BI TRANSEXUAL seeking a Bi woman for friendship and relationship. I'm 35 yo, long dark hair, 164 cm in height, a bisexual transsexual (pre-op M to F). NOTE: I'm plain and girl next-door-ish. Not into gay scene etc. I live quietly and discretely the simple country life with my chickens and garden (but visit Perth regularly). I'm seeking someone flexible minded who'll accept both my current (and future) anatomy. My interests include environmental issues, reading and science fiction. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker & not quite vegetarian. *I am a - Bisexual transsexual, Seeking - Bisexual Woman.* Code WA-J1.

## OVER SEAS (OS).

### EUROPE

#### MUNICH, GERMANY.

GAY GUY 43y, German-Indian, int'l. bureaucrat living near Munich/Germany, iso of v. discreet, v. strt.-acting, active Professional Australian or NZ-lander (other GWMs welcome too), for friendship and mutual visits. Possibly more if we both want it. No age bar. Can host and expect the same. Have varied interests, am well read and erudite, w. charming smile and nice looks. Write responses w. photo to: Rebonto GUHA, Bahnhofplatz 5/#49, 85737 ISMANING, Germany. Tels.: (++49.89) 96201227, home / 32006-475, office. E-mail: rguha@eso.org

NICOSIA, CYPRUS. BI GUY 53y, Greek professional, unattached top, in search of mature (in mind) Aus Bi male to discuss bi matters, become friends and may be lovers, exchange visits (I can host, will U?). Look at my homestead (under construction) and e-mail me, Dinos, at adonis212cy@geocities.com No games please.

### SWINDON, ENGLAND.

ATTRACTIVE BI GUY 30 yo, 6 feet tall with dark hair and living in England, wishes to make new friends and correspond with Bi males/females up to 35 in Australia. Had experience of gay scene in Brisbane, interests include Aussie soaps, travel, radio and sports/beach clothes. Code OS-W1.

## AMERICAS.

### HOLGUIN, CUBA.

BISEXUAL GUY Cuban, black, 33 years, 1.70 cm, 60 kg, university student, love music, sports, movies, languages. Looking for friends (bisexual) to start a friendship and .... Pedro Julio Ochoa Gonzalez, Calle 6 N - 92 entre 21y23, La Quinta, Holguin, 80 900 CUBA.

### TULSA, OKLAHOMA, USA.

BI GUY 5 ft 8 in, dark hair, brown eyes, 150 pounds, Native American, Cherokee - Peoria tribes, into safe sex, play tennis, go to concerts, lift weights sometimes. Want to exchange photos and make friends that want to make it with me, prefer blondes, will answer all. Everett Cheshewalla, PO Box 642, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101 - 0642, USA.

## ASIA.

### MALANG, INDONESIA.

GUY Chinese, 25 yo, 167 cm tall, 50kg , likes touring, correspondence, plays, camping, singing & reading. I would like to get many gay/bi friends in Australia, please write. My name is Kristanko Linardi, jl. Simpang Borobudur II / 10, Malang 65142, East Java, Indonesia.

### MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES.

BISEXUAL MAN 26 years old, outdoor lover (scuba diver, swimmer and mountaineer) lean and muscular seeks males up to 40 for friendship and possible visits. I like traveling a lot and now I am considering a trip to Australia next year so it would be nice to know people there. Also would like to share thoughts and experiences about bisexuality. Write to Daniel M. Ocampo: mailing address: 54 Olive Street, SSS Village, Marikina, 1811 Metro Manila, the PHILIPPINES..

### HONG KONG.

BI MALE tall dark bi male would like to meet women, transsexuals or couples for mutual sensual pleasures the oriental way that brings one to ecstasy. Please write in first instance, thanks. Code OS-K1.

### JAKARTA, INDONESIA.

#### GAY GUY

I want to introduce my self: Name : Michael Setiabudi Date of birth : July 2, 1972 City-country : Jakarta - Indonesia Height-weight : 171 cm - 54 kg Sex : Male (I'm a gay) Religion : Catholic Interest : Reading books, listening classical music, and I love dogs Occupation : Architect (beginner) Personality : LOYAL TO 1 PERSON, attractive, smart, sincere, sensitive, shy. E-mail : miracles@idola.net.id

I'm looking for Australian man, for seriously long-term relationship, he must be MASCULINE, tall, educated, sincere, gentle and have a job. I'm not looking for a rich man or a fancy life-style. I'm very monogamous oriented. I look forward to everlasting marriage (just if it's possible) where I'm as a wife and he's as a husband. I really want to stay in Australia. Please send your information to my e-mail address above.

Thank you very much. Sincerely, Michael.

## AFRICA.

### SUNYANI, GHANA..

PARTNER WANTED - CUTE GHANAIAN LAD, boyish looks, really nice guy, 21 years, attractive with a solid, smooth chocolate body coming soon, wishes to meet university lecturer or partner for platonic relationship. Genuine relationship, no time wasters. Prince Antwi, PO Box 596, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - WEST AFRICA.

### SUNYANI, GHANA..

GAY PALS WANTED good looking Ghanaian black guy, 22years old, fit, slim, with wicked body seeks that special man for true and stable relationship. Why don't we meet in '97, this year. All letters answered. Emmanuel K Annor, PO Box 250, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - W/A.

### SUNYANI, GHANA.

YOUNG LOOKING GHANAIAN BOY, who wishes to have an honest friend for ever lasting one, if yes, write to me. Let's give love a chance. It has been my wish for a long time to have contact with Australians. Frank Barnie, PO Box 337, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - W/A.

PENPALS - we have several Cuban bisexual guys and Bi women, 1 Spanish guy, one bi woman from Malta and another 2 guys from Ghana looking for Aussie friends, write to ABN for details.

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## EVERYONE READ THIS.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRACTICE SAFER SEX WITH ALL PARTNERS. THAT MEANS USING A CLEAN CONDOM WITH EACH PARTNER FOR BOTH VAGINAL AND ANAL INTERCOURSE. THE NUMBER OF WOMEN BECOMING INFECTED WITH HIV IS INCREASING IN AUSTRALIA WITH NOTABLE RISES RECENTLY IN NSW & WA, SO PLEASE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION BUT THAT OF YOUR PARTNERS. ORAL SEX DOES POSE A RISK FOR TRANSMISSION OF SEVERAL SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES & HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE MEANS OF TRANSMISSION IN A SMALL NUMBER OF CASES OF HIV INFECTION OVERSEAS. HERPES, HEP. B, GONORRHOEA ARE SOME OF THE INFECTIONS THAT ARE TRANSMITTED ORALLY. WORRIED THEN USE CONDOMS AND/OR DAMS OR SEEK FURTHER ADVICE FROM HEALTH OR AIDS COUNCIL STAFF. FOR DIGITAL PENETRATION (FINGERING) OF VAGINA OR ANUS USE CLEAN LATEX GLOVES OR CONDOMS WITH EACH PARTNER AND NEVER SHARE DILDOS, VIBRATORS ETC. TRY TWO OR MORE CONDOMS ON VIBRATORS REMOVING THE TOP ONE BEFORE EACH NEW PENETRATION. USE CLEAN GLOVES FOR FISTING. IF YOU INJECT, NEVER SHARE NEEDLES AND SYRINGES WITH ANY OTHER PERSON. ALWAYS USE A NEW CLEAN NEEDLE AND OTHER GEAR. WE CARE ABOUT YOU. PLEASE DONT PLACE YOURSELF, LOVED ONES AND OTHERS AT RISK BECAUSE OF IGNORANCE, FEAR, LUST OR BEING OUT OF IT.

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## Tonguespotting

Director Todd Haynes (*Poison, Safe*) says Ewan McGregor threw himself into his role as the bisexual glam rocker in the upcoming film *Velvet Goldmine*. The film is about a 70s British pop star that idolises a wild American underground hero, hmmm...sounds a lot like David Bowie and Iggy Pop to us. During filming McGregor had to snog co-star Christian Bale (who complained about being left out of the orgy scenes) on a rooftop. Observers described the love action as "hot and heavy" and Haynes claims that when he shouted "cut" from a neighbouring rooftop the pair ignored him (or didn't hear him) and kept at it for some time. Haynes added, "I didn't want to interrupt...they were having a good time."

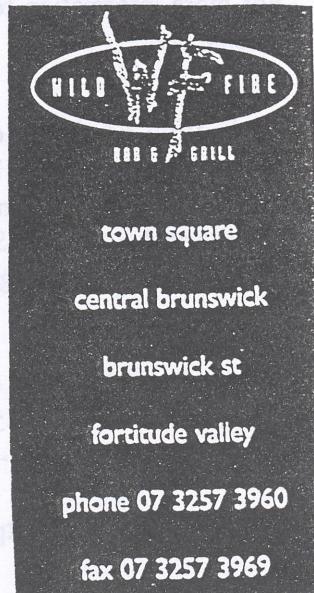
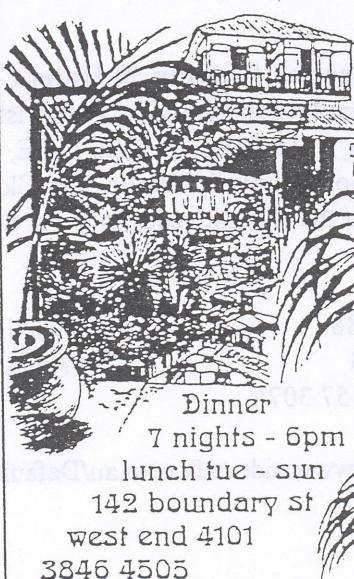
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## Goes down like the Titanic

It seems *Titanic* star Leonardo Di Caprio just loves going down to gay bars when hanging out in LA. How do we know this? Coz we read it in *New Idea*. The mag nabbed an interview with Cappo's friend Eric Donovan (no relation to Jase) who spilled the beans on the star's break-up with Kate Winslet because he preferred to go out to gay bars. Donovan tells of how Cappo was unfazed when a drag queen sat on his lap, how he was amazed when he bumped into a disguised fellow star who was worried about being found out and how he loves gay men falling at his feet. Oh yeah, then he reiterates that Cappo is not gay.

BROTHER SISTER

## CAFE BABYLON



## LETTERS

Hello Everybody

Well, did I have a good night out at the Christmas Eve Bar Bi?

I was up in Brisbane for a two week holiday from Canberra and Wayne had rung saying come along. I thought I had missed out. A nicer, friendlier bunch a people would be hard to find. I chatted to lots of nice women and guys and finally met a few of the people I'd seen on the OzBi list.

Thank you for a lovely Christmas Eve.

Love

Robert Henderson

## The Alternative Mardi Gras Party - Bi and Bi Friendly

So that we can all party together after the parade march, it was decided that a designated party would be chosen, this year we will be partying at Forbidden Fruit, which I must say is quite an apt name for us sexual outlaws.

This is a party where we can all feel safe with out the usually prejudices that can be found else where on the night and all at half the price. The crowd that will attend this party is very open and accepting, and does not use sexuality, gender, dress-code, haircut etc. as a means to judge your eligibility to enter and have a good time!

For more information feel free to contact me on 0414-664-888, I recommend buying tickets early, they are presale only.

### Forbidden Fruit: The Second Coming @ Hotel CBD

Saturday, February 28, 10pm till sunrise (with DJs Christian Vogel, Nick Spice, Bizz-O.D, Zen Paradox, Nag Champa, Lush Puppy vs 8Bit, Biz E, Orion, Mark Murphy, Abel, Ming D, Thao, Annabel Gasper, Simon Caldwell, Torque, Ken Cloud, Sinclair, Mr Brown)  
Heaving urban tribal orgy at the slickest venue in town. Strange yet tempting.

#### Ticketing

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Fish Records Newtown - 9557 3074

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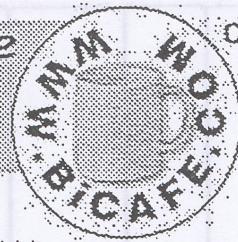
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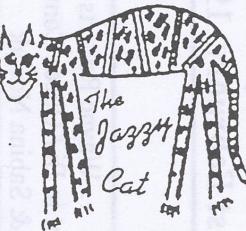
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Friday 20th Feb.  
Conference Launch at  
PRIDE Centre 7.30pm.

3rd Australian Conference on Bisexuality : Beyond the Boundaries  
Saturday, 21st February 1998

8.30am	REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION
9.00am	WELCOME - Wayne Roberts Sexual Harassment in Bi / Queer Communities	
9.50am	Maree Porter & Sabina Nowak	
10.00am	Queer Coalitions Visibility and Inclusion	
10.50am	Dion Stead (OutFM), Lynne O'Brien (PRIDE), Sam Levy (GLRL), Sarah Bergin (SWASH/GLIDUP)	
Morning Tea		
11.15am	Who Is Bisexual? The Klein Sexual Orientation Scale	
12.05pm	Fritz Klein	
Lunch		
1.00pm	Young Men Who Have Sex With Men and HIV Prevention	Bi Support Groups Is there a Need, What are the Issues
1.50pm	Davis Peatfield	David Preston & Rachel Wotton
2.00pm	Queer Identity & Queer Politics Nassim Arrange	Domestic Violence in Bi / Queer Relationships Catherine Lawrence
2.50pm		
Afternoon Tea		
3.15pm	Bi Youth Forum	Intersexual, Transgender & Sexuality Elaine Chalcraft & Claire Baker
4.05pm		
4.15pm	“Coming In” Radio Documentary - LOUD Youth Media Project	Friend or Foe? The Bisexual in Popular Culture
5.05pm	Ali Benton	Kirsten McLean
5.15pm	Reproductive Health & Contraception Sam Stott	Journeying Out From the Closet to Mardi Gras Wayne Roberts
6.05pm		

3rd Australian Conference on Bisexuality : Beyond the Boundaries  
 Sunday, 22nd February 1998

8.30am	REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION
9.00am	Bisexual History Craig Walker & Rosanne Bersten	
9.50am		
10.00am	Bi Research & Writing Maree Porter	Bi Injecting Drug Users Sarah Bergin
10.50am	Kirsten Mc Lean & Scott Anderson	
Morning Tea		
11.15am	Three in a Marriage Video Screening Sara Lubowitz	Out There - Young, Queer & Active Michael Gray (SGLMG Youth Committee), Melissa de Silva (Cross-Campus Sexuality Network), Paul Mahony (Cellblock Youth Health Centre), Ben Hopkinson (2010 Youth Refuge)
12.05pm		
Lunch		Conference Photo Session by the pool 12.40pm.
1.00pm	Who Likes What Survey Results of people of different Sexual orientations & Genders	
1.50pm		Fritz Klein
2.00pm	Marginalia Edge Identities & the Notion of "Community" Rosanne Bersten	Transsexual Sexuality Personal Experiences Laura Seabrook & Aide Griffin
2.50pm		
Afternoon Tea		
3.15pm		ABN Annual General Meeting
4.05pm		
4.15pm	Bisexuality & Monogamy A Discussion Forum Kirsten Mc Lean	Sex Work Catherine Lawrence & Maggie Moylan
5.05pm		
5.15pm		Review and Wind-up
6.05pm		The Good Bi Party Stonewall Hotel, 175 Oxford Street 8pm till late

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